

Selling Season of Spud Exchange Closes This Week

Some time this week, probably on Wednesday or Thursday, the selling season of the Nebraska Potato Growers' Co-operative exchange will come to an end. There are two or three cars yet to be cleaned up, after which Sales Manager George F. Walker of the North American Fruit Exchange will leave Alliance for the east. The exchange headquarters will not be closed during the summer, according to present plans, but there will be some one in charge. The work to be done this summer consists largely of organizing for next season's sales. An especial effort will be made to get new members for the association, the new general manager, J. G. Phelps of Belmont, having outlined a campaign with this end in view.

The exchange will resume the sale of potatoes early next fall, probably in September. Mr. Walker, who has made an exceptional record here, will undoubtedly be returned by the North American company. He will go from Alliance to the company's general offices in Chicago, and will probably remain there until the selling season opens next fall.

Elks Plan a Big Initiation for Wednesday Night

Alliance lodge No. 961, B. P. O. E., is planning a big time for Wednesday evening, when the deputy grand exalted ruler will inspect the lodge. A class of fifteen candidates is slated for initiation, and the Blackbird committee, those mysterious men in charge of the torture chamber, have been oiling the thumbscrews and feeding the tigers raw meat in anticipation of the event.

It is going to be a festive occasion for the Elks. After the candidates have been fitted with brand-new antlers, there will be a smoker and feed. Pete Sauer, Mortensen and George Barnes will stage a wrestling exhibition. Every Elk is urged to lose the wife for the evening and turn out.

Dr. Richard L. Ivens of Crawford was given judgment in county court in a business case due from Louis Wisniewski for professional services. Wisniewski appeared in county court Saturday morning, unaccompanied by a lawyer, admitted that he owed the money but couldn't pay it. He asked Judge Tash if he needed a lawyer and the judge informed him that as he had just confessed judgment, the thought came a trifle too late to be of much help to him.

County Assessor Pilkington returned Monday from Lincoln, where he attended a meeting of county assessors and clerks at which the real estate assessment problem was discussed.

SOCIETY

The Aktati Campfire Girls were entertained by Miss Nell Gavin at her home Friday evening. St. Patrick's green was much in evidence in the decorations, in the gowns of the guests and the dainty refreshments. Those present were: Maurine Bahl, Sarah Adams, Alice Prettyman, Ruth Wilson, Janice Wills, Vera Lowry, Ruth Moxon, Ruth Schill, Josephine Acheson, Lucile Dickinson, Rosalie Denton, Esther Dedmore, Hazel Young, Miss Avis North and guardian, Mrs. Lotus Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lucas returned Sunday evening from a several days' automobile trip, in which they encountered many brands of weather and an equal variety of road conditions. They drove first to Gillette, Wyo., where they picked up Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cantrell. Then they drove north to Weston to the Ellis ranch, where they made a brief stay.

County Judge Tash performed three weddings Monday, establishing a new hymeneal record. William C. Wyncoop and Mrs. Lulu M. Kane, both of Morrill; Harvey Benjamin of Spade and Grace B. Lohse of Ellsworth; and George H. Downing of Whitman and Miss Pearl Keller of Survey were the three couples.

Miss Leila Cutts entertained a few friends Monday evening with phonograph music and a social time. Light refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Florence Atz, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robbins and daughter, Evelyn and Mrs. Forrest Lape and daughter, Betty Ruth.

William Phillips and Miss Marie Reeves were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeves, at 6:30 o'clock Sunday. After the ceremony of congratulations a wedding supper was served. The couple will make their future home in Alliance.

An Easter bazaar will be held in the Christian church Wednesday evening. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged, and the ticket will entitle the holder to refreshments. All articles for the bazaar not already handed in should be brought at that time.

The M. E. choir will hold a rehearsal immediately following the revival service Thursday evening, at which time the Easter music will be practiced.

Wednesday will be Work day for the members of the ladies' circle of the Christian church. They will meet at the church for a cleaning session.

Mrs. Charles Wills entertained the Aktati Campfire Girls in honor of her daughter Janice's birthday Monday afternoon.

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Stock hogs wanted by the Nebraska Land Company 103-41

County Assessors Take No Action at Lincoln Meeting

County Assessor Pilkington returned from Lincoln Saturday, where he had been in attendance at the meeting of county assessors and clerks held at the state house, with Secretary Philip Bross of the department of finance and H. Osborne, secretary of the state board of taxation, for a conference in regard to enforcement of the new law just signed by the governor requiring a revaluation of real estate for assessment this year. For two or three hours the conference discussed the task unexpectedly set by the legislature.

It was the opinion of the assessors that the legislature evidently expected a reduction in land values or it would not have passed a law requiring revaluation this spring and next spring and every two years thereafter in lieu of the old law calling for revaluation every four years. There was a diversity of opinion, however, among the assessors as to whether a reduction of valuation will result. Some are of the opinion land is not assessed too high, even considering the drop in selling price since the valuation of last year. Others think land should be reduced fifty per cent in assessed value under last year's figures.

Some argue that land assessed fairly at the present reduced price will not be valued less than it was valued last year for the reason that the average valuation last year was only 68 per cent of the adjusted sales values one year before land reached the peak price. In other words it was not assessed last year at its market or inflated value as some believe.

The assessors and county clerks present did not attempt to agree upon a course of action. Each assessor is at liberty to do what he thinks right in his own county. Secretary Bross urged assessors to pay more attention to equalization of values as between tracts of land rather than trying to cut down the assessed value of real estate. Many of the assessors are now in office and do not feel that they are bound by the work of their predecessor in office. To make the work doubly difficult there is no standard of values to go by because land is not selling at any price. How to arrive at the true value of land is a problem that is puzzling.

Special Dances at the Fern Garden, at Alliance Hotel, on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, with complete orchestra. The Garden will be open on other evenings with piano music for dancing. 33

John A. Gill, sentenced to the state penitentiary from Box Butte county at the last term of district court, will remain there, for a while at least. The state board of pardons and paroles has turned down his application for a parole. It is understood that Judge Westover objected to granting the parole.

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Alliance, Nebraska

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The graceful wrap and wrappy coat still lead in popularity. For materials they have chosen luxuriously soft Duvetyns, Marvella, Veldyn, Evora and shimmering satin.

The choicest from her store of new modes have been dropped in our midst. They now await your inspection.

Prices from \$25 to \$75

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AUCTION SALE

Cattle and Horses

At The Alliance Stock Yards

Saturday Mar. 26, At 10 a m.



- 121 head of Cows 3 to 6 years old
- 24 head of Steers . . . 2 years old
- 8 head of Steers . . . 3 years old
- 15 head of Steers . . . 1 year old
- 19 head of Heifers . . . 1 year old
- 71 head of Calves . . . Mixed
- 5 head of registered Bulls 3 yrs. old

41 Head of Mixed Horses--240 Acres of Corn--400 tons of Hay

All to be sold at Mortgage Sale according to the legal notice of Sheriffs Sale as published in the Alliance Times

CHARLES BRITTAN, Mortgagee

H. P. Coursey, Auctioneer, assisted by L. E. Bliss